

Remarks

Support for the change in units from angstroms to nanometers is found at least at paragraphs [0009] and in claim 9 as originally filed. A prior amendment introduced the angstrom units, but this was at a time when calcium carbonates were still listed among the nano-particle nucleating agents. References of record have not shown intercalated graphites and expanded graphites in particle sizes having one dimension less than 100 nanometers. Chen, and Morgenstern allegedly shows calcium carbonate sizes as low as 10 nanometers; while Lee and Kresta allegedly show nano-clays in nano particle dimensions. Thus, reversion to the originally claimed dimension of less than 100 nanometers is suitable for the nucleating agents presently claimed.

The amendment also corrects a grammatical issue with the previously amended claim.

Conclusion

In light of the above, Applicants believe that this application remains in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0568 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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